

# Edmonton 2005 World Masters Games Backgrounder

## SOFTBALL – Fast-Pitch and Slo-Pitch

### July 22-31, 2005



The Edmonton 2005 World Masters Games is the largest international amateur multi-sport event, attracting more than 16,000 elite and recreational athletes who will compete in 27 sporting events. This event offers sport enthusiasts a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate at an international level with other masters athletes from as many as 100 different countries over 10 competition days. Edmonton will host the sixth World Masters Games from July 22 – 31, 2005.

The World Masters Games are governed by the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). Toronto, Canada hosted the inaugural games in 1985. The Games were held in Herning, Denmark in 1989, Brisbane, Australia in 1994, Portland, USA in 1998 and Melbourne, Australia in 2002.

The 27 sports include (age requirements are shown in brackets and the competition will be divided into five to 10-year age categories):

Athletics (30)	Ice Hockey (30)	Squash (35)
Badminton (35)	Lawn Bowling (35)	Swimming (25)
Baseball (30)	Orienteering (35)	Synchronized Swimming (25)
Basketball (30)	Rowing (27)	Table Tennis (35)
10-pin Bowling (35)	Rugby Union (35)	Tennis (30)
Canoeing (30)	Shooting (30)	Triathlon (30)
Cycling (30)	Soccer (30)	Beach Volleyball (30)
Diving (25)	Softball – fast-pitch (35)	Indoor Volleyball (30)
Golf (35)	Softball – slo-pitch (35)	Weightlifting (35)

## SOFTBALL DETAILS

**Competition dates:** July 23–30, 2005

**Age/gender categories** (Ages will be determined at December 31, 2005):

### Fast-Pitch

Women: 35–44, 45+

Men: 35-44, 45+

### Slo-Pitch

Mixed: 35-44, 45+ (minimum 4 women playing at all times)

Men: 55-64, 65+ (women are welcome to compete)

### Competition Format:

Teams will be randomly divided into seeding pools. The results from the round robin competition will determine the grade for medal rounds. The medal rounds will be single elimination. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of five games in the tournament. Teams will advance from the round robin to a single knockout playoff round based on the rankings within the seeding pool. Each grade will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals. The number of grades will depend on the number of teams participating. Competitors may only compete on one team.